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Dear Commissioner «Last_Name»:

Conventional 2-stroke outboard motors pose a significant threat to our environment, affecting both water and air quality in Massachusetts. Due to antiquated technology, these engines emit unburned fuel, releasing oil and gasoline into our rivers, lakes and air. As a result of recent technological advances, cleaner alternatives are readily available that result in 75% emission reductions over 2-strokes.

Our concern over the environmental impacts of 2-stroke carbureted engines has led me to determine that Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) agencies should take a leadership role and demonstrate our commitment to the environment by implementing an aggressive, phased-in policy of purchasing only clean outboard motors. More specifically, I am directing EOEA agencies, beginning in Fiscal Year 2003, to implement a policy whereby at least 80% of new engines purchased by agencies must meet the 2006 federal clean engine standards (currently met by either 4-stroke or 2-stroke direct fuel injection engines). As of Fiscal Year 2004, whenever engines are available for the stated need, 100% of new engine purchases must meet this standard. This policy will help drive demand for clean engines some two years before national standards come into effect.

This policy is in conjunction with a Memorandum of Understanding that EOEA is signing this month with boat dealers in Massachusetts that sets similar benchmarks for dealer sales to the general public by 2006. As such, I am also directing EOEA agencies

to apply the same agency purchasing standards to any boats or engines purchased with state grants, funding, or through state managed programs. In addition, to promote acceleration of the environmental benefits of these efforts and to promote an overall fleet conversion, my office will work with each agency to develop a plan for replacing existing 2-stroke carbureted engines as quickly as is economically and technologically feasible.

I appreciate your cooperation on this important effort and look forward to working with you in the future. Please contact Eric Friedman, the Director of our State Sustainability Program, at 617-626-1034, if you wish to discuss this program further.

Thank you again for your commitment and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Bob Durand